

NAVAJO COUNTY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS

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Statewide Communications Exercise

November 4, 2015 Department of Emergency and Military Affairs conducted an full-scale exercise of an earthquake with massive structural damage in Northern Arizona. Some of the capabilities tested by Navajo County Emergency Management were internal operational communications, information sharing between counties and participation by local amateur radio operators communicating with the state emergency operations center.



Behavioral Health Post Active Shooter

Nov 17th, 2015 The behavioral health tabletop event was held at the Hon-Dah Conference Center and brought together professionals from the mental health, education and

healthcare fields as well as White Mountain Apache Tribe representatives. An evolving scenario involving the mental health effects of an active shooter scenario was discussed by the participants. Presentations were given on Incident Command structure and Mental Health First Aid. A community member also told her personal experience with being in an active shooter situation and the lasting effects that she still deals with today. The event was praised highly by participants and it was requested that more trainings of this nature be offered in the future.

Happy Holidays Safety Tip



WINTER WEATHER Checklist
Keep at least a 3-day [emergency supply](#) and a two-week supply if you live in a hard to reach area. Include supplies such as food, water, warm clothing, extra blankets, snow removal items and heating or firewood.
Make a [Family Communications Plan](#). Know how to contact everyone in an emergency.
Be alert to changing weather conditions. Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio or local news for critical weather information and learn about [Wireless Emergency Alerts](#).
Weatherize your home
☐ Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected each year.
☐ Install a smoke detector and a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector. Test and replace batteries.
Prepare Your Vehicle
☐ Minimize travel and plan ahead. If you must drive, keep others informed of your schedule, stay on main roads, and avoid back road shortcuts.
☐ Keep a near full gas tank to prevent the fuel line from freezing.
☐ Update the vehicle's emergency kit with a shovel, windshield scraper, extra clothes and blankets, an emergency flare, and rock salt/sand.



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Show Low VFW Gets Ready

The Show Low VFW welcomed Mary Springer and Catrina Jenkins at their November meeting to provide information on the Ready Navajo County emergency notification system. The team explained the new system and the different methods of being notified in the event of an emergency. The Auxiliary also thanked Catrina Jenkins for her efforts in promoting and selling the red shirts for their campaign “Home of the Free Because of the Brave”.



Emergency Management News

Engaging the Amateur Radio Community for Emergencies

The Kachina Amateur Radio Club members met on November 15, 2015 at Summit Regional Medical Center. The newly elected President of the club, Randy Beecroft, was one of the many club members to volunteer provide emergency



communication support for County Emergency Management. On hand was Navajo Co. Sheriff’s Deputy Vincent Palazzolo to provide assistance in the security clearance process for the members who are volunteering to be Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES).

Pinetop Drive-Thru Point of Dispensing (POD)



Nov 20th, 2015 The first POD conducted with the Pinetop Fire Department in collaboration with Summit Healthcare, Navajo County Public Health Nursing Services and the Pinetop Game and Fish Department. Vaccine was donated by Summit Healthcare and Navajo County Public Health Nursing Services. Community

members that received vaccinations were very appreciative and impressed with the ease of the paperwork and not having to exit their vehicle for the vaccination. A writer for the national Advanced Healthcare Network newsmagazine saw the facebook post announcing the POD and interviewed Ryan Cluff about our innovative methods. Link to the International article is:

<http://nursing.advanceweb.com/Web-Extras/Online-Extras/Drive-and-Stick.aspx>

December Coming Attractions

- ◆ Ready Navajo County Presentation to White Mountain Tribal Council, and District I in Kayenta and Pinon.
- ◆ Heber-Overgaard CERT
- ◆ FEMA grant training
- ◆ Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- ◆ Holiday Safety Message

On the Road with *Ready Navajo County* - Schedule of upcoming presentations

12/10/15	District I Presentations	Kayenta and Pinon	9:00 AM/ 1:00 PM
1/14/16	White Mountain Women’s Club	Cattlemen’s Steakhouse	11:15 AM
Dates Pending	Show Low Elks.	Locations TBD	TBD

